

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5386, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

MAY 17, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BISHOP, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 818]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 818, by a non-record vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 5386, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007, under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that upon adoption of H. Con. Res. 376, and until a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2007 has been adopted by the Congress, the provisions of H. Con. Res. 376 and its accompanying report shall have force and effect in the House for all purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 as though adopted by the Congress.

Finally the rule provides that nothing in section 2 of the resolution may be construed to engage rule XXVII (statutory limit on public debt).

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4 of rule XIII, requiring a three-day lay-over of the committee report and requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriation bill.

COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 3(b) of House rule XIII the results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 201

Date: May 17, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5386, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: To make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the amendment offered by Representative Obey which increases a number of important conservation and environmental programs that are under funded in this bill. The amendment's \$800 million increase is offset by slightly reducing the tax cut received by the wealthiest Americans.

Results: Defeated 4 to 6.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 202

Date: May 17, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5386, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007.

Motion by: Mr. McGovern.

Summary of motion: To waive clause 2 of rule XXI against Section 425 of the bill.

Results: Defeated 4 to 6.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 203

Date: May 17, 2006.

Measure: H.R. 5386, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

Appropriations Act, 2007.

Motion by: Mr. Hastings of Florida.

Summary of motion: To waive clause 2 of rule XXI against Title V of the bill.

Results: Defeated 4 to 6.

Vote by Members: Diaz-Balart—Nay; Sessions—Nay; Putnam—Nay; Bishop—Nay; Gingrey—Nay; Slaughter—Yea; McGovern—Yea; Hastings (FL)—Yea; Matsui—Yea; Dreier—Nay.

